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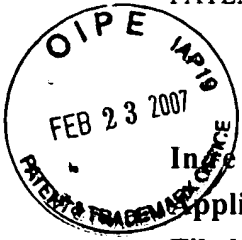
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWABILITY

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance included with the December 6, 2006, Notice of Allowance and dated December 9, 2006, Applicants agree that each of the allowed claims is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, however, the Examiner paraphrases portions of independent claims 1, 29, and 35 and identifies those portions as the improvement of the present application. The Examiner likewise paraphrases portions of independent claims 38, 44, 53, and 61 and identifies those portions as another improvement of the present application.

To the extent that the statement of reasons for allowance uses extraneous language or language paraphrasing the claim language, Applicants note that the respective claims are not limited by the Examiner's extraneous or paraphrasing language. Instead, each and every claim of the application speaks for itself.

Furthermore, each and every claim of the application is independently patentable because of the novel and nonobvious feature(s) and/or combinations thereof set forth in each respective claim.

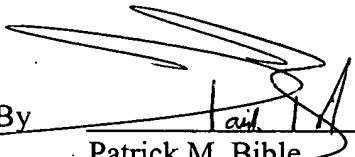
Moreover, to the extent that the statement of reasons for allowance uses language that paraphrases the teachings of the prior art (for example, the teachings of the *Chou et al.* reference), Applicants note that the respective claims of the present application are not limited by the Examiner's paraphrasing language.

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